

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] For purposes of description, the injector tip may be considered as having four contiguous segments S_1 - S_4 between the main body portion wherein the IOL is initially loaded into the device at an opening 26, and the open end of the tip 18a. It is understood that the tip may be separable from the main injector body or may be formed as a unitary construction therewith. The first, proximal segment S_1 is closest to the main body 12, the fourth, distal segment S_4 includes the open tip 18a, and the second and third segments S_2 , S_3 extend sequentially therebetween. The first proximal segment S_1 tapers gradually inwardly for a first length L_1 (Fig. 1A) to gradually further compress the IOL as it is being advanced by the plunger toward the open end of the tip 18a. The second segment S_2 preferably has a substantially constant diameter for a second length L_2 (Figs. 2-5) which is preferably smaller than length L_1 . The juncture of the first and second segments S_1 , S_2 define a first transition point T_1 having an outer diameter of about 2.7mm to about 3.1mm, and more preferably about 2.8mm. Since the second segment S_2 preferably remains constant in diameter, the surgeon may insert the device anywhere along second segment S_2 and not stretch the incision as would occur if this segment were tapered. Furthermore, the IOL is not compressed any further as it is passed through this segment by the plunger. The third segment S_3 tapers inwardly at a greater rate than the taper of segment S_1 for a length L_3 that is preferably smaller than L_1 or L_2 . The fourth segment S_4 preferably has a continuous diameter extending for a length L_4 also preferably smaller than L_1 or L_2 , terminating in a slanted end face defining the open end of the tip 18a. The juncture of the ~~second and third~~ second and fourth segments ~~S_2 , S_3~~ S_2 , S_4 define a ~~third~~ second transition point ~~T_3~~ T_2 having an outer diameter of about 2.0mm to about 2.6mm, and more preferably about 2.4mm. Some surgeons will use the injector device by inserting the

tip up to the first transition point T_1 which has an outer diameter not exceeding about 3.0mm and more preferably about 2.8mm. This means the incision in the eye need not be larger than about 3mm. Current surgeon preference is to have an incision no larger than about 3mm, and preferably sub 3mm. Yet there are other surgeons that may prefer an even smaller incision size on the order of about 2.4mm. For these surgeons, they may insert the tip up to only the ~~third~~^{first} transition point T_1 as shown in Fig. 6 which, as stated above, has an outer diameter in the range of about 2.0 to 2.6mm and more preferably about 2.4mm.